

DRAFT SPECIFICATION

Title: Revision of ISPMs No. 7 and 12.

Reason for the revision: Currently there are two ISPMs dealing with export: ISPM No. 7 (*Export certification system*) and ISPM No. 12 (*Guidelines for phytosanitary certificates*). These also briefly describe the procedures to follow in case of re-export and transit. As international trade has expanded and means of conveyance have diversified, there is a need to provide clearer guidance on re-export and transit. In addition concepts in these standards will be brought in line with other existing standards, such as ISPM No. 25 (*Consignments in transit*).

Scope and purpose: Existing ISPMs No. 7 and No. 12 will be reviewed for amendment to provide specific guidance on the procedures, which cover technical, legal, administrative and operational aspects, including export issues related to re-export and consignment in transit.

Tasks: The expert working group (EWG) should:

1. Review existing ISPMs relating to export certification (ISPM No. 7 and ISPM No. 12, taking into account ISPM No. 25).
2. Identify the main points to be amended, taking into account appropriate procedures for export certification, and clarifying the interaction in case of re-export and transit.
3. Make recommendations as appropriate to the SC on the use of the terms *country of origin* and *place of origin* in ISPMs No. 7 and No. 12.
4. Ensure amendments are in line with other relevant ISPMs.
5. Consider the most appropriate content for the ISPMs, including the inter-relationship between ISPMs No. 7 and No. 12 and present options to the SC on the most appropriate arrangement of the information.

Provision of resources: Funding for meetings is provided by the regular programme of the IPPC Secretariat (FAO) except where expert participation is voluntarily funded by the expert's government.

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Collaborator: To be determined.

Expertise: 5-7 experts with general expertise and operational experiences in export certification. The group should also have practical knowledge on systems of customs clearance of consignments.

Participants: To be determined.

Approval: Introduced into the work programme by CPM-1 (2006). Specification approved for country consultation by the SC in May 2006.

References: IPPC 1997; WTO-SPS Agreement; ISPMs No. 7, 12 and 25; discussion paper on the use of the term *country of origin* in ISPMs as modified by the SC in May 2006 and possible recommendations by the working group revising all ISPMs.